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Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN ABCA12 GENE, VECTORS  
CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC ACIDS AND USES THEREOF  
Art Unit: 1649  
Examiner: G. Emch  
Docket No.: 116696-004

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed 21 December 2005. The Examiner set a three-month period for reply, making a response due 21 March 2006. Attached hereto and herein and incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of time for a two-month extension making the due date for response, 22 May 2006, 21 May 2006 falling on a Sunday.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.